In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

1.   (Previously Amended) A computer-implemented method for distributing telecommunication services, the method comprising:

storing in memory a set of responses to purchase requests for telecommunication services associated with a plurality of service providers, each response reflecting at least one telecommunication service offering associated with one of the service providers and a related cost for the telecommunication service offering;

establishing a session over a network for considering the purchase of telecommunication services;

receiving a purchase request at a computer on the network including information indicating a requested telecommunication service;

assessing the stored set of responses to purchase requests for at least one response reflecting at least one telecommunication service offering capable of satisfying the requested telecommunication service; and

preventing a requester from accepting the response after the session is terminated.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

terminating the session, such that when the session is terminated the response can no longer be accepted.

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3.   (Previously Canceled)

4.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

permitting access by service providers to the stored set of responses to purchase

requests for telecommunication services.

5.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

denying access by the service providers to the stored set of responses to purchase

requests for telecommunication services during the session.

6.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

denying access by a service provider, during the session, to at least one response

of the stored set of responses to requests for telecommunication services, wherein the response to

which access is denied is the same as the response reflecting at least one telecommunication

service offering capable of satisfying the requested telecommunication service.

7.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

permitting each service provider to modify the stored set of responses to requests

for telecommunications services to reflect changes in the service provider's telecommunication

service offerings.

8.   (Third Amendment) A telecommunication service providing system, comprising:

a database containing a set of responses to purchase requests for

telecommunication services, each response reflecting at least one telecommunication service

offering associated with a service provider and a related cost for the telecommunication service offering;

a computer in communication with a network and the database, to establish a session for (i) receiving a purchase request on behalf of a buyer including information indicating a requested telecommunication service for at least one consumer, (ii) accessing the stored set of responses to purchase requests for at least one response reflecting at least one telecommunication service offering capable of satisfying the requested telecommunication service for the at least one consumer, **[and]** (iii) receiving an acceptance to the response during the session**; and (iv) preventing the acceptance to the response after the session**.

9.   (Previously Amended) A computer-implemented method for purchasing telecommunication services during a session, the method comprising:

storing a set of responses in memory to purchase requests for telecommunication services, each response reflecting at least one telecommunication service offering associated with a service provider and a related cost for the telecommunication service offering:

receiving a purchase request at a computer on a network during the session including information indicating a requested telecommunication service;

accessing the stored set of responses to purchase requests during the session for at least one response reflecting at least one telecommunication service offering capable of satisfying the requested telecommunication service;

permitting a requestor to accept the at least one response during the session; and

preventing the service provider from modifying the set of responses during the session.